



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Supporting Government Partnerships with Maori Through Multi-Year Māori Trades and Training Fund Contracts

Portfolio                      Social Development and Employment

On 2 March 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1        **noted** that Ministry of Social Development and Employment (MSD) is supporting 17 Māori employment-focused training programmes, and its ability to financially support these programmes, and fund new ones, is constrained by the current appropriation of funding;
- 2        **agreed** to an expense transfer from 2021/22 to 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 to allow MSD to continue supporting multi-year contracts with Māori entities providing by-Māori-for-Māori training to achieve better employment outcomes for Māori;
- 3        **approved** the following changes to appropriations to provide for the above decision, with no impact on the operating balance and/or net core Crown debt across the forecast period:

Vote Social Development Minister for Social Development and Employment	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 & Outyears
<b>Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure</b>					
Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support					
<b>Non-Departmental Output Expenses:</b> Māori Trades and Training Programmes	(33.319)	21.302	11.106	0.911	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>(33.319)</b>	<b>21.302</b>	<b>11.106</b>	<b>0.911</b>	<b>-</b>

- 4        **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2021/22 above be included in the 2021/22 Supplementary Estimates;
- 5        **noted** that in July 2020, SWC agreed that the Minister of Employment and Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti have joint responsibility to approve applications to the Māori Trades and Training Fund [SWC-20-MIN-0092];
- 6        **agreed** that from this point forward, the decision in paragraph 5 above will no longer apply and instead officials from MSD and Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) will have joint responsibility to approve applications to the Māori Trades and Training Fund;

- 7 **noted** that Ministerial oversight of the application approval process will be maintained through regular reporting to the Minister for Māori Crown Relations, Minister for Social Development and Employment, and Minister for Māori Development;
- 8 **agreed** that officials from MSD and TPK be required to report to Employment, Education and Training (EET) Ministers on decisions they make on Māori Trades and Training Fund applications.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Wille Jackson  
Hon Jan Tinetti  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of the Chair  
Officials Committee for SWC